

VOLUME XXXIV OF INKWELL: THE LAST?

Since this is the first edition of the Inkwell for the 1969-1970 academic year, it is an appropriate occasion for a discussion of the status of the Inkwell itself. To be absolutely frank, one must admit that this newspaper is in serious trouble.

The recent history of the Inkwell has been a troubled one. With the passage of time, this newspaper has become an increasingly isolated institution on our campus. This situation can be traced in part to a general atmosphere of indifference to all campus organizations and activities, but to cite this general indifference as the source of all, or even most, of the troubles which beset the Inkwell would constitute a "cop-out" of the first order.

Quite frankly, if the Inkwell is today an isolated campus organ of communication, the cause lies in the fact that, in the past, the Inkwell staff has chosen to isolate itself. For quite some time, this newspaper has been little

more than extension of another campus organization. The interests and opinions of the Inkwell staff reflected, almost mirror-like, the interests and opinions of this other group. As a consequence, the great majority of Armstrong students, whatever their personal opinions, were unrepresented by their campus newspaper. This generated an indifference, or even hostility, towards the Inkwell that has had serious repercussions as far as the staffing of this year's paper is concerned.

An examination of the masthead on page two will reveal the number of people who put this edition together--a pitifully small number, to say the least. That number represents the total size of the Inkwell staff at the present time.

The situation, quite simply, is this--the Inkwell desperately needs staff members. Most glaringly, it needs a sports editor and sports writers, if this important feature of campus life is to be covered well. Furthermore,

the Inkwell must have a whole new complement of reporters if it is to adequately inform the student body about college activities. This newspaper also needs a full-time cartoonist, at least two typists, and a hard-working ad-staff. Finally, there is a real need for people to work with the Copy Editor and the Managing Editor in the more routine processes of actually putting a newspaper together.

Such, then, are the present limitations. What are the future opportunities? These lie in the positive response of students who choose to give the Inkwell another chance, who choose to participate in the effort to make this a successful and representative newspaper. There are no criteria for potential staff members other than interest;

don't be deterred by lack of experience. Newspaper skills can be learned.

An additional word of caution for potential staff members--don't allow disagreement with the editorial opinions of the Editor-in-Chief to deter you from joining the Inkwell. Editorials essentially represent the opinions and value judgments of the Editor, or whoever writes the editorial. Provisions for dissenting editorial opinion, whether on the part of a staff member, a non-staff student, a faculty member, or an administrative official, will always be made. Conformity of opinion is not a criterion for joining the Inkwell.

An organizational meeting for this year's Inkwell staff will be held sometime during the first full week of classes. The time and place of this meeting will be well publicized. Anyone who wishes any information concerning the Inkwell prior to this meeting should contact Joe Kelley or Dan Browning at 12:30 on any class day.



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Student Government Announces Plans for the Coming Quarter

Officers of the Student Government Association and members of the Senate met on September 11. The following issues were discussed.

The reason the tickets to the Glen Yarbrough concert were \$4.00 was that since the concert occurred before school began, no ID cards had been issued for the 1969-1970 school year. Therefore, an Armstrong student couldn't be distinguished from others, and student prices could not be offered.

Rooms can be rented in the new Student Union for \$30.00 a month. The rooms must be furnished with furniture, carpets, drapes, etc. by the organization which rents them. Each recognized campus organization, sorority, and fraternity will receive an application for a room. Those desiring rooms should fill out the application and return it to the Student Affairs Office. The six rooms will be rented according to need, financial stability, etc. The remaining organizations will be placed on a waiting list.

Changes in the bookstore were discussed. The proposed changes include: Expansion of the material offered (paperbacks, magazines), a used book store to buy back used books and resell them, thus lowering prices, and the need of another cash register.

The Board of Regents opposes the "Wednesday off" action which was begun last spring. The Senate is working on a program for ASC which could be put into use by winter quarter. If anyone has an idea concerning this action, please contact a Senator.

The following schedule was approved.

- Oct. 2.....Classes begin
- Oct. 6-10.....Rat Week
- Oct. 9.....Freshman class officer and senator nominations
- Oct. 10.....Rat Dance: Mouse the Boys, and Brass
- Oct. 13.....Sophomore and Junior class officer nominations
- Oct. 14.....Senior class officer nominations
- Oct. 20-21.....Elections

The Board of Regents is now meeting to decide if a private company will be allowed to build the dormitory which was won by our participation in Spring Cleanup on ASC land.

Regents Select New ASC Dean

Dr. Joseph I. Killorin, who is retiring from his post as Dean of Armstrong State College to occupy the Callaway Chair of Literature and Philosophy, will be replaced by Dr. Harold Propst.

Dr. Propst has a B.A. from Wake Forest College, North Carolina and a M.A. and Ph.D. from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Before coming to Savannah, Dean Propst was head of the English Department at Radford College, and taught American Literature there for five years.

Dean Propst is thirty-five years old, single, and his interests range from dramatics and speech to playing the piano.



Home Builders Association Presents Scholarship to ASC

On August 11 the Home Builders Association of Savannah presented a check for \$8,000 to Armstrong State College for student scholarships.

The check was presented to ASC President Henry Ashmore by Thomas J. Beytagh. Beytagh is the present President of the Association and the Chairman of the Scholarship House.

Of the \$8,000, \$3,000 will be used for direct scholarships to outstanding students

who plan careers in the home building industry after graduation.

The remaining \$5,000 will be used for student loans under the National Defense Education Act. NDEA funds will match the amount nine to one for a total of \$45,000 for future loans to needy students.

The \$8,000 presented by the Home Builders Association is believed to be the second largest amount given locally to the college for scholarships.

editorials . . .

During the past academic year Armstrong experienced several challenges to its autonomy as an educational institution. Basically, the issue at stake was whether the college was to become a mere mouthpiece for the political, social, and moral standards of the local community. In the minds of many students, the response of the official organs of the college—administrative, faculty, and student—to the thrusts of the local community were confused, timorous, and ineffectual. The college did not seem quite sure of its own identity; it did not seem willing to defend its integrity as a separate and free institution. The college seemed content to let highly vocal pressure groups determine its official attitude towards such institutional concerns as the content of student plays, the recognition of campus organizations, and the stocking of library material.

Probably the most disheartening feature of this entire turn of events was the passive role played by the student body. Neither the recognized campus leaders nor the existing student organizations seemed capable of understanding the nature of the challenge or of formulating

an effective response. What was particularly absent was the sense of common identity of the individual student with his fellow students—that same sense of common identity that has activated forces of reform all over the country for the past several years. Armstrong students as a whole could not seem to comprehend that their function was not to seek to become mere carbon copies of what has gone before, that theirs should rightfully be the role of criticism, of experimentation, of innovation. Armstrong students could not seem to understand that any challenge to the independence of the college was a challenge to the independence of the individual student himself. For such a challenge seems to deny the student that role which is rightfully his—to seek and initiate the new.

Education cannot be a passive process for the student. Nor can it be a process that exists in a social vacuum. If the record of last year is not to be repeated, students at Armstrong must assert themselves in their role. They must be willing not only to criticize the status quo but to transform it. A new source of justified pride can be realized from this venture.

Law 'n' Order Papers

BIRD GETS CAGED

In another demonstration that they can handle any seventeen year-old leftist on their beat, Savannah Police wrote yet another chapter in the continuing saga of Savannah versus The Great Speckled Bird by their fourth arrest last summer of a certain local youth for distributing copies of The Bird to unsuspecting citizens. Once again, this particular youth was charged with possession and distribution of "obscene" material. Leaving Federal Court decisions on the subject aside (as local authorities are prone to do), one still has some difficulty in sharing the evaluation of our law enforcement officers concerning the obscenity of The Great Speckled Bird.

From the standpoint of simple comparison, a single trip to the local food or drug store should be enough to make one doubt the obscenity of The Great Speckled Bird. For there one can easily find on sale all sorts of publications that brazenly display that object of horror and disgust, the unclothed human body. And, if one looks hard enough, he can even find quite a few books that contain filthy words—like *Gone With the Wind*. (Oh, you know, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn.") Yet, strangely enough in the light of this overwhelming evidence, local authorities have been very remiss in stamping out this type of smut.

We can only speculate about the reasons for this neglect. It has been suggested by some cynics that the attempt to stop the distribution of The Bird has a political, rather than a moral, basis. It has been suggested that what local police object to about The Bird is not the "skin" that The Bird might depict, but, rather, the ideology that it espouses. It has even been suggested that local police have been engaged in a systematic attempt to silence an organ of unpopular opinion in the community.

The Inkwell staff, however, perhaps because we are idealistic young people, cannot really bring ourselves to accept such a cynical interpretation. We are still confident that our local authorities, strong believers in law and order, would do nothing to violate the freedoms guaranteed to our citizens by the First Amendment, a cornerstone of our system of legal safeguards. We feel confident that, in the future, local authorities will enforce the law as it is interpreted by the courts and not by private citizens or special interests. We are sure that any untoward actions by the police as far as The Bird is concerned have been generated by an overzealous moral sensibility and not by such venal motives as censorship and suppression. Our local police just don't go to drug stores, that's all.



Ah'm Workin' Today With a Heavy Heart. . .

Students to Aid City Government in Urban Revitalization Program

On August 29, a meeting was held in the Conference Room of Savannah's City Council Chambers relative to the establishment of an urban program for the City of Savannah. The purpose of this program, which has since been entitled "Student Participation in Urban Revitalization" (SPUR), is, as one participant at the meeting commented, "to demonstrate to the student population that local government agencies are eager to utilize their skills and creativity."

Participants in the August 29 meeting included Armstrong President Henry Ashmore, Dr. Donald Anderson, Armstrong's Associate Dean of Services, Mrs. Virginia Nall, Armstrong's Financial Aid Director, and two A.S.C. students who had worked in city government agencies as student interns throughout the summer. Savannah State was represented by its President, Dr. Howard Jordan, its Comptroller, and its Financial Aid Director. Spokesmen for the City of Savannah included the City Manager, the City Personnel Director, and the City's Senior Personnel Technician. The other participants at the meeting were the Director of the Atlanta Urban Corps, the Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Atlanta, a representative of the Research Group, Inc., and the Project Coordinator for the Southern Regional Education Board.

As a result of the discussion at this meeting, a task force composed of six students was created to lay the groundwork for the establishment of a program aimed at providing interested college students with both part-time and summer employment in local government agencies. SPUR, modeled along the lines of the National Urban

Corps Program, will, according to one task force member, seek to provide college students with "a meaningful exercise in urban problem-solving." It will offer these students, he said, "not only a compensated work experience, but a valuable in-service learning experience as well."

The task force is planning a program of 100 interns that

will begin full operation in June of 1970. Any student who is interested in participating in this program should write Mr. Danny Brown at the following address:

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Changes in Conduct Code are Announced

College President Henry L. Ashmore recently revealed three modifications in the Student Conduct Code, which had previously been approved by both the faculty and student body. These modifications were made, said Ashmore, so that the Conduct Code would conform to Board of Regent's standards. Dr. Ashmore did not elaborate as to whether the Code as revised would be re-submitted to the faculty and the students.

The changes, said Ashmore, were suggested by Mr. Henry Neal, the legal expert

for the Board of Regents. Neal advised that Part B, Section 2 of the Code be changed to read: "In extraordinary circumstances, where gross violations of conduct rules are disrupting the proper functioning of the College, students may be summarily suspended by the Dean of Student Affairs." This power had formerly been delegated to the President of the College.

To the list of violations of the Conduct Code, Neal advised that the "possession or use of firearms" be added to Part C, Section 1, Article D of the Code. Finally, Neal proposed an additional clause, Clause 5 of Section F, concerning the Student Court. This new clause reads: "If overt intimidation of the Student Court were established, the President of the College would refer the case involved to the Student Conduct Committee."

Best Wishes to the Inkwell
for a Successful Year. . .

- Stinkwell Staff



New Student Center to open in late October

The completion of Armstrong's new student center will take place around the middle of October, said contractor, Walter Strong.

In a recent interview, the contractor for the building of the new student center, explained the delays encountered in the construction of the new building. The main delay, said Strong, was due to the rains Savannah has had for the past two months.

Mr. Strong explained that the construction on the new building was reaching the final stages, when the rains slowed up the work.

The insides of the new building are being done over with plaster. The normal drying time for the plaster was extended to two weeks due to the large amount of humidity in the air. Since the work of the painters, electricians and finishers cannot begin until the plaster is completely dry, the rains have slowed the work by some two weeks. Strong also reported that large fans and air blowers were being used to aid in the drying of the plaster.

Another delay in the construction was the bricklayers' strike in mid-summer. The bricklayers' union went on strike against local contractors for higher wages and

other benefits. The strike lasted for two weeks, but the slowdown delayed the new student center construction by about a month, Strong said.

In addition to a new student center, the State Board of Regents has given the go-ahead to building annexes to Armstrong's administration building. In an interview with architect Oscar Hansen, it was learned that two additional wings would be added to the present administration building. These additions will increase the total area of the building by some 6,400 feet.

European Tour Ends With Tragic Death

Mrs. Jane Hogan, a 22-year old Armstrong State College student, died on Sunday morning, August 31st, following a highway accident the previous evening near Avignon, France.

Mrs. Hogan, the wife of Michael Hogan and the mother of two children, had been attending a summer study program at the University of Dijon. She was one of eight Armstrong students participating in the University System of Georgia's summer abroad program.

According to a statement released by Dr. William Easterling, the Chairman of Armstrong's Foreign Languages Department, to the Savannah Morning News, the accident occurred as a French professor and his wife were driving Mrs. Hogan to Nice so that she could re-join the group of students touring that area. Their car collided with ano-

ther vehicle and careened into a ditch. As a result of the accident, Mrs. Hogan died the next morning at Pierrelotte Hospital.

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Closed Circuit TV to be used on Armstrong Campus for first time

During the coming academic year, many students at Armstrong will be appearing on television.

It was recently learned that A.S.C. will have on its campus two separate TV systems. These two closed circuit systems will have both studios and control rooms housed in the Victor Building.

The larger of the two systems will serve the entire campus with a multi-channel system. Operating out of the Victor building, this campus network will broadcast into all the classroom buildings, as well as to the administration building. The programming for the campus network will consist of instructional programming and special announcements of interest to the students. The smaller TV system will be used by the Dept. of Education.

The small TV system has been in use since the Summer quarter by the Education Department. This small system now consists of two portable video-tape units. Each unit is equipped with a portable battery-operated camera, video-tape recorder, one large classroom monitor, a small monitor, and sound equipment.

Dr. W.W. Stokes, the head of the Education Department explained that the video system had four purposes.

The first purpose of using the system would be the taping of micro-teaching sessions by individual students. In certain education courses, it was explained, students must prepare a lesson and teach the class. By taping the student's lesson, the student could later view himself to find out in what areas he needed improvement.

Since the system is completely portable, the cameras can go into the public school classrooms to video-tape those education students doing their student teaching. This will enable the department to observe the verbal behavior patterns found in the classroom. Dr. Stokes stated that by observing behavior patterns, the education student could be trained, using the video tapes, in obtaining the best verbal behavior from their students.

The third purpose for the system will be the building of a video-tape library of professional material. This material could be viewed by the individual student to aid in his learning process.

The final purpose of the system is the development of group-instructional material. Since the system can tape films, regular TV broadcasts and is completely portable, the education department can tape its own instructional material. This instructional material could be used to tape classroom situations for the teachers' problem laboratory to aid education students in the understanding of classroom problems.

Dr. Stokes explained that the video-tape system was far better than the films used previously by the department. For example, Dr. Stokes explained that the system was so good that he was able to make tapes of the Apollo II moon landing. Dr. Stokes said that operating the 35 lb. portable camera was very similar to the operation of an 8 mm. movie camera and practically anyone could operate the entire system after about 15 hours of instruction. The only problem with the video system is getting a good sound in a large classroom, but by experimenting with different microphone set-ups, the sound problem is expected to be worked out soon, Dr. Stokes said.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BUDGET

1969 - 1970

ORGANIZATION	68 - 69	69 - 70
Inkwell	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,200.00
Glee Club	150.00	50.00
Lecture/Concert	5,000.00	6,200.00
Geechee	9,000.00	9,500.00
Pep Band	300.00	150.00
Literary Club	500.00	750.00
Masquers	2,800.00	2,750.00
Athletics	18,600.00	19,500.00
Photography	500.00	500.00
Special Events	250.00	600.00
Intramural	170.00	500.00
Dance/Concert	5,000.00	10,000.00
Student Government	500.00	2,750.00
Printing	1,200.00	1,200.00
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Armstrong Confers Forty-nine Degrees at Summer Graduation

Armstrong State College's Summer Commencement was held on the evening of August 13 in the A.S.C. gym. Four-year degrees were conferred upon forty-nine students at this ceremony.

Dean Joseph Killorin, participating in his last graduation ceremony as Dean of the College, introduced the candidates for graduation and their degrees were presented by College President Henry Ashmore.

Three members of the graduating class achieved the academic rank of "cum laude." They were: Ellen Marie Mathews, with a B.S. in Elementary Education; Judith Elizabeth Parker, also with a B.S. in Elementary Education; and Maryann F. Sommers, with an A.A. in Nursing.

The Commencement Address was given by President J. Whitney Bunting of Georgia College at Milledgeville. Bunting, who had also served as President of Oglethorpe University and as Mayor of North Atlanta, told the graduates that the United States must maintain its free enterprise system if the nation is to remain free.

The way to social and economic progress, Dr. Bunting suggested, is to initiate job-training programs for the disadvantaged which will eventually allow them to join the labor force in working "toward the common good."

Enlarging upon this basic theme, Dr. Bunting went on to comment that: "I do not believe that any nation can long remain free if part of the

population exists on giveaways while the remainder struggles to maintain increasing productivity."

Following the graduation ceremony, a reception for the graduates and their families was held at the A.S.C. Student Center.



Dr. J. Whitney Bunting



Johnson Named History Head

The vacancy created by the departure of Dr. Roy Carroll as head of Armstrong's Department of History and Political Science and filled last August by the appointment of Dr. Evans C. Johnson to this post.

Dr. Johnson, 46, is a former professor of History and Political Science at Stetson University. Prior to teaching

at Stetson, he served on the faculty of Huntingdon College.

Johnson, a native of Langdale, Alabama, received his BA degree in 1943 and his MA degree in 1947, both from the University of Alabama. He earned his doctorate in 1953 from the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Johnson attended a seminar on Black History this past summer at North Carolina College. He has also published articles in numerous journals and has delivered papers before the Southern Historical Association, the Alabama Historical Assn., and the Florida Academy of Science.

ASC To Build New Fine Arts Center

The progress of the physical development of the Armstrong College campus was given a major boost last summer, when the Board of Regents authorized the construction of a new \$1.5 million Fine Arts Center for the college.

Commenting on the Regents' action, Armstrong President Henry Ashmore said: "This is the most sorely needed building on our campus. It will enable us to enlarge our fine arts program, as well as expand cultural service to the community."

Plans for the construction of the new Fine Arts Center will be drawn up by the architectural firm of Gunn and Myerhoff. Dr. Ashmore estimated that it would take "six to eight months" for these plans to be completed and that the building could be ready for occupancy within two years.

The building will be constructed on the southern edge of the campus, facing Abercorn Extension. According to Dr. Ashmore, it will contain a 1,000-1,200 seat auditorium, classroom space, offices, art and music studios, an art gallery, and facilities for teaching drama and arts.



Student Education Association to give aid in school system

Mrs. Charles W. Pearce, President of the Armstrong Student Education Association (ASEA) recently revealed her organization's plans for the coming academic year.

In a recent news conference, Mrs. Pearce told of her organization's plans to become the largest student organization on the Armstrong campus. Last year the ASEA after only having begun in February, was the second largest student group, Mrs. Pearce said.

The ASEA is counting on a large membership drive beginning in October to build up its membership.

Students doing their student teaching in Winter Quarter 1970 please see Dr. Paul Ward before October 10th.

The ASEA is composed of those students who are planning on teaching as a profession. By joining the ASEA, a person also becomes a member of the Georgia Education Association and the National Education Association. The NEA is one of the largest professional organizations in the world, Mrs. Pearce said.

The ASEA is also planning to aid in the organization of a Future Teachers Association in the local high schools. In addition, ASEA members will be doing volunteer work in special education classes in the schools. This work will include tutoring and testing of school-agers.

Anyone interested in joining ASEA can do so at the organization's first meeting--October 14 at 12:30 in room 10 of the Victor Building.

YD's Ask For Disarmament

In response to an initiative by the campus Young Democrats, Armstrong President Henry Ashmore announced last August a new policy concerning the possession of firearms by campus security guards.

Beginning this fall, said Dr. Ashmore, security guards on the day shift will wear weapons only on special occasions. They will be armed when, explained Dr. Ashmore, there are "large sums of money that have to be protected--like during registration."

Ashmore's decision had been prompted by a request submitted in a letter by the Young Democrats President Bill Dutton. The Young Democrats had adopted by a unanimous vote a resolution calling for the disarming of the campus police, wrote Dutton, in support of this statement made by Governor Lester Maddox: "Every gun that is brought onto a campus... serves to stunt the growth of our civilization."

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